

HOUSE RESOLUTION 69  
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend *The Germantown News* for its 29 years of exceptional service to the people of Germantown.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should recognize and applaud those members of the media that represent the ideal of journalistic integrity and longevity; and

WHEREAS, owner/publisher Tom Ricketson and the staff of *The Germantown News* represent one such exceptional news outlet, having endured and prospered for 29 years in an ever changing environment for news; and

WHEREAS, started on February 28, 1974, *The Germantown News* was initially a church newsletter headed by W.A. "Dub" Nance, a former Germantown Mayor and State Representative; and

WHEREAS, soon after, the Germantown Civic Club assumed responsibility for the paper, which became Germantown's first city paper; and

WHEREAS, the late Lynnette Ricketson and Barbara MacIntosh originally started as volunteers for the paper, and Ms. Ricketson remained the owner and publisher of *The Germantown News* until her passing in 1999; and

WHEREAS, *The Germantown News* has grown tremendously in scope and audience since its somewhat modest beginnings; it now covers community news, personal achievements, as well as city and business news; and

WHEREAS, *The Germantown News* reflects the upward mobility and prosperity that are esteemed in Tennessee's business community even as it reflects the heart and soul of the Germantown community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pay tribute to the rich heritage of this cultural mainstay; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby salute the publisher and staff of the highly-acclaimed newspaper, *The Germantown News*, congratulate them on 29 years of business as excellent journalists, and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.